

Students and Telecommunication Devices

Green Mountain school recognizes that personal electronic devices are an important part of our students' lives and are used for a variety of purposes. However, when used inappropriately these devices can be a source of distraction, disruption and disrespect which may interfere with students' learning process and school climate. Telecommunication devices include but are not limited to mobile devices, wirelessly connected earbuds or headphones, internet capable watches, tablets, any VR capable device, and video or audio players. While on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities students may possess and use telecommunication devices. The possession usage of these and other related electronic devices shall be subject to the following requirements:

- A. Telecommunication devices shall be turned off or silenced and shall not be visible or accessible to the students during the school day except as described below. Devices may be stored in students' backpack or in caddies provided in the classroom.
- B. Telecommunication devices shall be used only before 8:20 a.m. and after 2:50 p.m. except during the student's lunch time/lunch recess, unless an emergency situation exists that involves imminent physical danger or a school administrator authorizes the student to do otherwise.
- C. Telecommunication devices shall not pose a threat to academic integrity, disrupt the learning environment, or violate the privacy of others.
- D. Students shall not send, share, view or possess pictures, text messages, emails or other materials depicting sexually explicit conduct, as defined in *RCW 9.68A.011*, in electronic or any other form on an electronic device while the student is on school grounds, at school-sponsored events or on school buses or vehicle provided by the district.
- E. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. In addition, an administrator or staff member may confiscate the device when it violates any part of this policy.
- F. Students are responsible for devices they bring to school. The District shall not be responsible for loss, theft or destruction of devices brought on school property.
- G. Students shall comply with any additional rules developed by the school concerning the appropriate use of telecommunication or other electronic devices.
- H. Administrators may access devices to gain ownership information or in an event where there is probable cause that an infraction of school rules or laws occurred.

Management Resources:

Policy News, February 2004 Evolution of Cell Phone Use

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